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Mr. BROWN (Ky.) opposed the bill, although he acknowledged that it was a ry natural conclusion that to-day's sun would orce one conclusion that to-day's sun would ect upon it as a law of the land. Men on the Republican side had been dragooned into its support. Its success had been in a arked degree accomplished by daring and revomeasures, accomplished by daring and revoutionary invasions on the time-honored ilties of the House. It had been born in malignity, would be passed in defiance and violation of the Constitution, and would be executed in violence and bloodshed, as he feared.

Mr. HALE (New York) objected to the last sentence as unparliamentary, but it having been reduced to writing and read from the Clerk's desk, the Speaker ruled that it did not transcend the limits of parliamentary debate.

Mr. BROWN, continuing his remarks, said that he regarded the bill as part of the machinery to be set in motion for the campaign of 1876. He believed that a deliberate conspiracy had been formed for the overthrow of constitutional liberty. You men, said he, who propose to pass this bill, have been weighed in the balance, and been found wanting.

The Speaker informed Mr. Brown that he must address the Chair.

Mr. BROWN—Mr. Speaker, your conduct in this and other matters [laughter at the idea of Mr. Brown's obedience to the Speaker] reminds me of a passage in Junius, where he describes a bad tenant, having received notice to quit, breaking the furniture, putting the house in disorder, and doing all that he could to vex the landlord. Mr. Speaker, the South is broken in, lies in helplessness and despair, with homes dilapidated, villages wasted, its people bankrupt. Is there nothing in that situation to touch you with pity? If your magnanimity cannot be reached, will you not be moved by some sense of justice? In 1872, by a conspiracy between the Attorney General and Kellogg and a drunken Federal Judge, the sovereignty of a State was overthrown. That usurpation has been perpetuated since by bayonets. But recently one of your Generals entered the legislative halls as Cromwell entered the English Parliament with Colonel Pride, and ruthlessly expelled the occupants. Onward and onward you go in defiance of the sentiment of the country, without pity and without justice, remorselessly determined, it seems, to drive the Southern people to destruction, to "give their roofs to the flames and their flesh to the eagles." A Federal General steps on the scene and sends a dispatch to the world that the people of that State are banditti. We have heard it echoed elsewhere that they were thieves and murderers and night riders. The clergy of the State, Jew and Gentile, have denied it; the business men and Northern residents have denied it; a committee of your own House, a majority being Republicans, has given it its solemn and emphatic contradiction, and nailed the slander to the counter. Now, what should be said if that accusation should come from one—I speak not of men, but of language, within the rules of this House—if that acquisation against that people should come from one who is outlawed in his own home from respectable society, whose name is synonymous with falsehood, who is a champion and has been such on all occasions of fraud, who is the apologist of thieves, who is such a prodigy of vice and meanness that to describe him, imagination would sicken and invective would exhaust itself? In Scotland, years ago, there was a man whose trade was murder, and he earned his livelihood by selling the bodies of his victims for gold. He linked his name to his crime, and to-day throughout the world it is known as "Burking."

The Speaker—Does the Chair understand the gentleman to be referring in his language to a member of the House?

Mr. BROWN—No, sir; I am describing a character who is in my mind's eye.

The Speaker—The Chair understood the gentleman to refer to a gentleman of the House.

Mr. BROWN—No, sir; I call no names. This man's name was linked to his crimes. And to-day throughout the world it is known as "Burking." If I was to desire to express all that was pusillanimous in war, inhuman in peace, forbidding in morals, and infamous in politics, I should call it "Butlerizing." [A sensation.]

The Speaker (interrupting Brown)—The gentleman did not deal in good faith with the Chair. He did not answer in good faith the question addressed to him.

Mr. HALE (New York) insisted that Mr. Brown's language be reduced to writing and read from the Clerk's desk.

While the reporter was writing it down the excitement in the House was at a red heat. The Speaker took occasion to remark further that he had not been paying close attention to what the gentleman from Kentucky had said, and had addressed an inquiry to him which had been answered either deceptively or evasively, the chair could not tell which. It would have been inexcusable in the Chair to have permitted such language to be used, and his exculpation rested on the evasive reply of the gentleman from Kentucky.

The report of Mr. Brown's objectionable remarks having been read from the Clerk's desk,

Mr. HALE (New York) offered a resolution that in that language, as well as with the prevarication by which the gentleman was enabled to continue the utterance of the language, the gentleman from Kentucky was guilty of a violation of the privileges of the House, and merited the severest censure of the House, and that he be now brought to the bar of the House, and in the custody of the Sergeant-at-Arms, and there be publicly censured by the Speaker in the name of the House.

Mr. DAWES offered the following as a substitute for Mr. Hale's resolution:

Resolved, That John Young Brown, a member of the House from the State of Kentucky, be expelled from the House for gross violations of the rules and privileges of the House, in the use, on the floor, of language just read by the Clerk, and for falsely stating to the Speaker of the House that he did not refer to any member of the House.

Mr. HALE declined to yield for Mr. Dawes' substitute, and moved the previous question.

Mr. COX (to Mr. Hale)—You cannot force this thing on the House. There has been provocation for what the gentleman from Kentucky said.

The House refused to second the previous question.

Mr. DAWES said he regretted the necessity of offering the resolution, and his relation with the gentleman from Kentucky had been always kind. He had been shocked and pained by what had occurred to-day, and nothing but the belief that it was imperatively necessary that the House should vindicate itself and its rules would have induced him to offer the resolution.

After exciting debate, Mr. DAWES asked whether the gentleman from Kentucky desired to speak now.

Mr. BROWN, rising and speaking with great deliberation, said that this was the first time that evasion or prevarication had been attributed to him. He always spoke in plain terms, susceptible of no misunderstanding, and he was willing to stand by the record.

Mr. DAWES—I would inquire of the gentleman from Kentucky, whether he has any remark to make in regard to the character of the language which he used.

Mr. BROWN—I stand by the record. [Laughter.]

Mr. E. R. HOAR said, whether the Commonwealth of Kentucky would feel indignant at a vote of censure upon one of her representatives he did not feel certain, but he knew the Kentucky character for manliness and for truthfulness to be such that the Commonwealth would spurn a man from its borders who, for the sake of getting successfully through a personal attack upon a member, would falsify when he was called upon by the Chair.

Mr. LAMAR—I have only one reply to make to the gentleman from Massachusetts (Hoar), and I make it with great respect. (After a pause.) Considerations will not

SECOND EDITION

FROM WASHINGTON.

The Civil Rights Bill in the House.

A Colored South Carolina Representative Opposed to Mixed Schools.

A Kentucky Democrat Attempts to Crack the Plantation Whip.

The President to Issue a Message on the Arkansas Gubernatorial Contest.

The Tariff Question Considered by the Committee on Ways and Means.

Special to the Pittsburgh Gazette.

WASHINGTON, February 4, 1875.

The Civil Rights Bill.

The debate on the Civil Rights bill in the House to-day was enlivened by two episodes. Richard H. Cain, colored, Republican member from South Carolina, made a brief speech against mixed schools. He said the colored people in his State, being in a large majority, had their own way, and preferred separate schools for white and black. This encouraged a Democratic member to ask his opinion of the mixed schools feature of the pending bill. Mr. Cain replied that he thought if Congress enacted and the president enforced the pending bill there would be peace and quiet throughout the South. The Democrats did not ask him any more questions.

The second episode was an attempt of John Young Brown, Democratic member from Kentucky, to crack the plantation whip in unparliamentary and grossly insulting language, intended as an attack upon General Butler, for which the Kentucky member was promptly brought to the bar of the House, reprimanded by the Speaker, and forced to apologize. Otherwise the debate on the Civil Rights bill has been marked by earnestness, but with good faith and good feeling on both sides. It will continue until the majority decide to take a vote.

The Arkansas Troubles.

The President will soon send a message to Congress showing the revolutionary character of the so-exiled Garland Government of Arkansas, and the necessity of immediate action by Congress. Mr. Ward, of the Arkansas Investigating Committee, will present a report, evidence, and a recommendation, in harmony with the President's message.

Who is the Coming Speaker?

During the filibustering contest in the House the several candidates for Speaker of the next House have had many opportunities to show their mettle. Fernando Wood has not made much of a showing and Cox's sun has set, while Randall has carried off the palm as a ready debater, skillful parliamentarian, and for devoted attention to duty.

Incendiaries at the Capital.

Mention was made in these dispatches some weeks ago of nefarious attempts of a gang of incendiaries to fire this city upon four separate occasions. A portion of the gang were detected, tried, and sent to imprisonment for life. It is thought, however, that the gang was not quite broken up and that parties have been burning the Navy Department were made by the survivors. DIAMOND.

WASHINGTON, February 4, 1875.

Judiciary Appropriations — Government Printing.

The House Committee on Appropriations have agreed to appropriate $3,000,000 for the judiciary, and on Monday to hear representatives of bank note companies and of the Treasury Department on the subject of Government printing.

The Tariff Question.

The Committee on Ways and Means considered the tariff question to-day, and took various votes, which developed the fact that tea and coffee will not be taxed as an independent proposition, but will be if some other articles now free are included with them. A tax on tea and coffee is conditional. A minority of the committee are opposed to any new tariff bill, but there seems to be no doubt that a bill will be reported probably by Monday next. The Commissioner of Internal Revenue will to-day or to-morrow appear before the committee to explain as to what additional taxes may be imposed on articles connected with his bureau.

The Alleged Sale of a Cadetship.

The House Committee on Naval Affairs has decided that while the testimony shows that Doctor Beattie paid State Senator Graham, of Virginia, seventeen hundred dollars to procure the appointment of a cadetship to the Naval Academy, it fails to sustain the charge that Representative Stowell received any portion of the money.

Territory of Pembina.

The Senate Committee on Territories today agreed to report and recommend the passage of a bill to create the territory of Pembina out of the northern half of Dakota.

LEGISLATURES.

MINNESOTA.

ST. PAUL, February 4.—The vote for Senator on joint ballot to-day stood: Ramsey, 54; Lochiel, 51; Davis, 32; Pillsbury, 8; scattering, 7. This is much the largest vote Davis has received. His accessions were from Democrats, but it is believed he will not get enough from this or any other source to do him any good.

ST. PAUL, Minn., February 4.—A committee of the House, appointed to investigate charges of attempted bribery of one of the members of the House by a friend of Ramsey, made two reports this morning. The majority report transmits the evidence taken in the case, and makes no recommendation, but leaves it to the House to take action. The minority report says, after a full investigation, it is the opinion of the minority of the committee that a *bona fide* offer of five hundred dollars was made to said Ingersoll by W. A. Dyke, provided he would vote for Ramsey for Senator, and appropriate action is recommended for the punishment of Dyke. The evidence was quite contrad

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GOLD closed in New York yesterday at 114¼.

VICE PRESIDENT WILSON, it is said, will take a tour of Europe after Congress adjourns.

THE Committee on Vice and Immorality have decided to report in favor of the repeal of the Local Option law. Thus is the war renewed.

WE are indebted to Senator McNeill and Representatives Long and Graham for legislative documents, of which use has been made in our columns.

THE House, at Harrisburg, seems to have some little compunctions of conscience over the waste of time the past few weeks, and proposes to make amends in the future by afternoon sessions.

IT IS now reported that Bismarck intends to retire from public life after his sixtieth year. The retirement of the great Minister from public life will probably be about the date of his loss of interest in things pertaining to this mundane sphere.

WE ARE gratified that we can conscientiously say, that the poetic reply of Cock Robin Killer, to what we have said, comes fully up, and is, indeed, rather superior to its average literary performances. As it has nothing else to refer to, we accept this as the end of the controversy.

THE WORLD ALMANAC, for which we return acknowledgments to the publishers, is one of the best specimens of that class of periodical that has been published this year. It contains a large amount of valuable, and reliable political intelligence, arranged with care and put in a shape convenient for use. It strikes us as an improvement upon most of the almanacs issued, and as an advance over any of its predecessors from that office.

THE assumption of the *Post*, that the Democratic party can do no wrong is eminently refreshing. Speaker Patterson, according to our cotemporary, is as right in his ruling because "he has been sustained by the House, which could not be if he acted in an unfair or arbitrary manner." He was sustained by the Democratic majority of the House, but the case was so clear that the Speaker was in the wrong that the majority of the House had to be whipped to be included in the contempt that was voted against Mr. Wolfe. There was extreme injustice practiced by the Speaker, in refusing Mr. Wolfe an explanation, and in ruling against the Republicans. That he violated the rights of the minority is beyond question.

DANA, of the *Sun*, and Kemble, ex-State Treasurer of Pennsylvania, have at last locked legal horns on that $50,000 libel suit. A mere technicality prevented a compromise. Dana would retract, but would not allow judgment to be entered against him, while Kemble wanted the judgment entered, and was not anxious for damages. It looks as though Dana, the great calumniator of public men, had gotten himself into about as pleasant a situation as his contemporary of the *Tribune*—that "Professor of Journalism"—who took a street rumor of the most shadowy character as the basis for the gravest charges against Congressmen of repute and unsullied reputation. It would be a salutary lesson to these Metropolitan journalists if they were made to feel that men's characters are not to be made the sport of their fancies or prejudices.

PITTSBURGH has its full share of graduates of Yale College, who will take pleasure in the fact that from statistics furnished to the *Yale Courant* it appears that of the academic department of that college, 146 have been members of Congress, 48 United States Senators, 56 college presidents, 9 Bishops, 14 ministers to foreign courts, 32 Governors of States (and one a Governor of Prince Edward Island), 22 Lieutenant Governors of States (and one a Lieutenant Governor of Nova Scotia), 143 judges (including the present Chief Justice of the United States), chief justices of State Courts, judges of Superior, Supreme and United States District Courts, and two provincial judges, one in Bermuda and the other in New Brunswick; 2 Secretaries of War, 2 Secretaries of State, 1 Secretary of the Treasury, 1 Secretary of the Navy, 1 Attorney General, 1 Assistant Secretary of the Treasury, 1 (John C. Calhoun) who held at various times the offices of members of Congress, United States Senator, Secretary of War, Secretary of State and Vice-President of the United States.

COMPULSORY LEARNING.

Education for the masses must be admitted to be, in every way, desirable. It contributes to the advantage and happiness of the individual, the security of the State, and the welfare of society. All and singular that is claimed for it, by its most enthusiastic advocates, we cheerfully accord. But we insist that because education is so valuable and necessary, it does not follow as a necessary logical sequence that it must be compulsory. Were it proven that there is no other efficient method for securing a general diffusion of knowledge than by use of, compulsion we would readily accept the method because of its benefits, on the principle that medicine is taken at times, as the only way to health. But because health is desirable and valuable, and essential to the active prosecution of life's duties, among which are those of citizenship, it does not follow that all persons must statedly march up to the prescription box, and take, perforce, a given quantity of medicine. It is not only true that the "mild power cures," but equally true that mild and attractive methods are best, in all things, where they are equally effective. We submit that with reference to education, the mild, attractive methods have not proven failures, and that until they do, the compulsory system need not be tried.

That purposed by the bill pending in our Legislature is as mild and gentle as any compulsory system can well be. It asks but a moderate attendance at school, so far as time is considered, and is moderate as to penalty. It has, however, the principle of compulsion, and this once admitted, can be applied more and more rigidly, as occasion may seem to demand. Nor do we argue against the right of the Legislature to thus legislate,—this, while not yet tested legally, seems to be generally conceded. That there is ample room for argument, as to how far the State can deprive a parent of the control and direction of its child, we readily see. But the claim of the child to the advantages of education is something to be considered. Hence the courts will probably rule the right of the State to compel the education of the child.

Without considering the subject, at this time, at length, we suggest that we wait till we see the workings of the plan in other States where it is adopted. It is as easy to let others experiment as to do it for ourselves. We consider that quite many phases of the system are purely experimental, and prophecy an abandonment of it ere long. We beg of the Legislature to do us the kindness to take note of our prophecy and—wait a little.

THE NEW RULE.

The scope and purpose, as well as the real design of the new rule, adopted by the House at Washington, seem to be but partially comprehended by the Democratic press, and a natural propensity to misrepresent prompts them to put it in an entirely erroneous light. The resolution does not, and cannot invade the rights of the minority, as is claimed. What are the rights of the minority, in the legislative branch of government. It is, in proportion of their numbers, to be heard in favor of or opposition to, any proposed law, or question; to have proper consideration in debate; to be represented on Committees; to have the privilege of introducing and properly forwarding bills; and all the rights generally accorded to members, except that being in the minority they shall not control political legislation. There is no hardship in refusing them this as they are not held responsible for such legislation, while the majority is held responsible for whatever of political legislation may be enacted. More than this, the majority must assume the responsibility for any failure to legislate,—on subjects where legislation is required by the country. This responsibility carries with it the necessity of controlling events, so far as the action of the House is concerned.

The necessity for the new rule grew out of these facts. The Democrats constitute less than the voting strength of the House; but certain Republicans, under the influence of motives peculiar to themselves, have swelled their vote, by voting with them. As a result, it was discovered by the Democracy that they could entirely prevent legislation,—as by fillibustering, or offering dilatory motions, they could delay action till the 4th of March, when the present session of Congress expires. The two-third vote could not always be commanded against them. Hence they assumed the attitude of controlling by preventing legislation. That is, they openly declared that they would not permit action on any subject that was not acceptable, and that unless the Republican majority acceded to the wishes of the Democratic minority, there should be no legislation whatever. It was against this utterly perverse and unjust course that the repeal of the two-third rule was aimed. It does not open the way for fraudulent legislation of any kind, but simply restores to the majority the rights they had been fraudulently deprived of. In place of being an injustice to the Democracy, it was a move to prevent them from working injustice to the Republican party and the country.

The repeal of the two-thirds rule enables the Republican majority to assume its proper position, in enacting laws. The spirit of obstruction manifested by the Democracy fully illustrates how little they are entitled to consideration. It shows that they are ready, by the use of unfair methods and the manifestation of a bitter spirit, to break down the Republican party. They mean, by fair means or foul, to control the country. In the South, by intimidation and assassination, by means of untold murders and crimes; at the North, by sympathy and counsel with their friends at the South; and in Congress by obstruction and violence, they seek to carry into effect their purpose. Is it not obvious that all this must be met by a firm, unshaken bearing on the part of the Republican party. And we assure our friends in Congress that the masses of the party will sustain any firm, vigorous legislation that may be enacted. The only fear felt or expressed is that Congress will not be sufficiently vigorous for the occasion. An unbending purpose, and strong, vigorous legislation, are what the times and the people demand. No subserviency to Democratic dictation, but firm devotion to Republican principles.

Two forms of legislation are needed,—political and business. It is hard to say which is the more important. We fear that enough attention will not be given to the latter, which at the present, is really is semi-political. We assure our friends in Congress that if they can adopt anything that will serve to revive the business of the country, they will thereby do more to strengthen the party, in the oncoming struggle, than by any purely political legislation they can possibly devise. We regard this as the most important phase of legislation to be thought of. We have not the space here, to open up this phase of the subject. We have hitherto stated our views on this question, and need not repeat. Let Republicans be Republicans, with no fear of Democracy before their eyes, and remember that the improvement of business will advantage the party, and act on these views, and we have no fear. And all this the repeal of the two-third rule enables them to do.

A RIDE FOR LIFE.

An Exciting Episode of Rough Life in Colorado—A Rancher's Battle and a Long Flight, with Death Close Behind.

[Correspondence of the Chicago Inter-Ocean.]

DENVER, COL., January 29, 1875.

Not more than a short two hours ago your correspondent was listening to a tale of derdoing that, however unworthy the hero may be, was calculated to arouse all the interest of sympathy. He was a square-built man, with an honest, open face and pleasant, though determined-looking blue eyes, that told the tale, and in not a little did his appearance indicate that he once shot a neighbor with whom he had had a dispute by the light of his burning barn, which an accessory had set fire to. For this crime he was tried last fall here in Denver, and acquitted; but when he went down to his ranches on a creek emptying into the Arkansas, he found the verdict of a Denver jury was not regarded as a passport to the safety of murderers by the friends of the murdered man. At any rate, although he affects to have had an inkling of their intention, he knew the time had come when

HE MUST FIGHT FOR HIS LIFE,

when he was aroused at the midnight that separated last Friday from Saturday by the hoarse demand, was Gibbs at home? Gibbs answered that he was, on which he was told to get up and come out, as somebody wanted to see him. Gibbs asked if morning would not do as well, and was told no, he was wanted then and there. He was next informed that his interlocutor would give him ten minutes to get out of the house, and fifteen to get out with his family, if he did not take advantage of which he and his family would be burned on one funeral pile. He made no answer to all this, and the next move of his enemies was to the other side of the rauche, a simple log cabin, lacking in the modern conveniences of windows, except on the side on which the parley took place, on which also was the door. Taking advantage of the fact that the dead wall presented no aperture through which Gibbs might get at them, they leisurely proceeded to do their best to fire the building, but fared ill in their attempt owing to the logs being old and full of water. Tired with their fruitless efforts, Gibbs' visitors came around to the side they first approached and began to pile hay and wood against the door for the purpose of igniting it. One of the would-be lynchers named Sam Broome was in the act of stooping with a lighted match in his hand, revealing clearly his entire form, to set fire to the pile thus raised, when Gibbs fired with a revolver through a chink in the boards which served in place of sash and glass for the window.

KILLING HIM INSTANTLY.

His comrades retreated some distance at once, but soon returned, proposing to burst open the door by main force. While they were busied together preparatory to making the charge that was to be his, Gibbs fired again, hitting two men this time. He builded wiser than he knew, indeed for the gun of one of them, as he was falling, exploded, killing a brother to the man first killed. *Sauve qui peut* occurred at one and the same time to the surviving assailants at seeing the untimely fate of their comrades, and they scattered and made off. Gibbs fired at them, retreating, with a rifle, the bullet of which he heard "spat" on a revolver one carried, so that it did no harm. After seeing the backs of his enemies disappear in the darkness, Gibbs, on his part, turned tail, and fled with his wife and three children and a neighbor and her child over to his father's ranch, situated some half a mile distant in a direction opposite to that taken by his foiled assailants. His friends gathered around him the next day, and when he was examined Monday the event resulted in his triumphant acquittal, ten of those who had tried to lynch him testifying to his having acted in self-defense. But this spirit of fair play was not rife in the community, and not only Gibbs, but the justice who presided at his trial and his friends and relatives found their lives were in danger. Accordingly, the justice, Gibbs, his brother, and a friend named Gilliard were

OBLIGED TO HURRY OFF

immediately after the trial and make tracks for this place, which they seem to have considered their only city of safety. They had not gone a score of miles before the Philistines were upon them; and now came a race for life. Their pursuers numbered some two score, and their multiplicity enabled them to cover a tract of country which left little loophole for their escape. Gibbs first evaded them by calling on his party to separate and hide in a gulch till they had passed by, but this ruse did not avail for long. They were soon obliged to break cover, and then the pursuing party gained on them fast. At last by a desperate spurt, they managed to get a start which gave them time to throw off all their surplus load and enable their horses to increase their speed materially. Their object was to reach a mountain near by, where they had determined to make a stand and sell their lives as dearly as possible, but their horses were so freshened up by their lightened loads that they were enabled to give the party in the rear the go by completely.

ALL THIS CHASE,

I forgot to say, was done at night, the pursuers first appearing in sight a little after midnight. The moon, however, was very clear at the full, and, as the country was well covered with snow, the motions of pursuers and pursued were equally visible to each other. It was daylight, nevertheless, when the chase ended, and the pursued quartet rode into a rauche at the head of Curran Creek and demanded food for themselves and horses at the muzzle of their revolvers. They rode all that day, and by sun-down were at the foot of Pike's Peak on the west side, having passed the night at the rauche. Although no signs all this time had been seen of their pursuers, the next day (yesterday) they were still so fearful of being again overhauled that they did not dare take the regular roadway through the mountains but preferred to go over the hills cross lots. There was no trail, and their wits and the sun was their only guides. The mountain, which having no name, is best located by saying it is at the head of Dead Man's Gulch, rose some miles over the level of the plain, and over this tremendous elevation they scampered, till at nightfall they got down into the plain again, and stopped to rest fifteen miles from Colorado City. From here to Monument, where they spent the night, taking the train for Denver this morning, was an easy journey. The distance traversed by the entire journey was over 100 miles.

PERSONAL.

ANDREW JACKSON has been tendered the hospitalities of the city of Memphis.

ONE of the heirs of Anneke Jans was recently admitted to the Cincinnati poorhouse.

DON CARLOS has a Count Gurowski on his staff who hates liberalism, which is but natural.

SENATOR JONES is back in Washington with his bride. She is the richest bonaza of them all.

SAMUEL P. HERSEY, member of the present Congress from Maine, and elected to the next, is dead.

MRS. ROUSBY has not been playing *Queen Elizabeth* during the past week. She has been playing sick instead.

THE Youngstown *Register* nominates Hon. W. H. Upson, of Akron, as Republican candidate for Governor of Ohio.

A WASHINGTON correspondent says Gail Hamilton is "the ugliest, wittiest, and most entertaining woman at the Capital."

FIVE members of the Yale University crew which rowed at Saratoga last year will probably row in the same crew next summer.

SENATOR BUCKINGHAM was considered in a critical condition on Monday, and his relatives were summoned to his house in Norwich.

A GRANDSON of Noah Webster presented to His Majesty of the Sandwich Islands, when in Boston, an elegant copy of Webster's Dictionary.

MRS FITCH (*nee* Minnie Sherman) will have to pay $75,000 to get her diamonds out of the Custom-house, unless Congress makes provision therefor.

MISS ADA SWEET, of Chicago, who is the only female patent agent in the country, receives the highest salary paid to a woman by the Government.

THEY had a Burns festival at Leavenworth, whereat Byron Sherry and A. G. O'Toddy made long speeches. These gentlemen are apt to make one talkative.

IT is stated that Governor Tilton will nominate Hugh McClelland, of Rensselaer county, for Justice of the Supreme Court, vice Judge Miller, elected to the Court of Appeals.

FRANCIS E. SAMUELS, cashier of the Second National Bank, of Allentown, Pa., died Monday night, after a short illness. He was for many years Prothonotary of Lehigh county, and held other positions of public trust.

GENERAL M. P. ROBESON, brother of G. M. Robeson, Secretary of the Navy, has been appointed to the position of Assistant Collector of Customs for Camden, N. J., to fill the vacancy occasioned by the death of Judge Philip J. Gray.

THE testimonial fund to be presented to Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Hall, whose "golden wedding" was celebrated recently, is now nearly £3,000. Mr. Tennyson, Lord Houghton, Professor Longfellow are members of the Testimonial Committee.

ONCE on a time the Pope spoke of four English ex-Ministers: "One," said the Pope, "I like and understand;" "one I like, but do not understand;" "one I understand, but do not like;" one I neither understand nor like." Who the fourth was the Pope charitably forgot, but the second was Gladstone, whom His Holiness by this time, perhaps, understands better than he likes.

REV. DR. DEKOVEN, who has been prominent of late as a candidate for the episcopate in the Protestant Episcopal Church, when he preaches comes to the front, folds his hands on his breast after the manner of a Catholic priest, and then intones his sermon from beginning to end. His voice is said to be singularly fascinating, and he runs up his intonation with tones as clear as a flute.

THE men Andy Johnson will probably "go for" when he gets into the Senate chamber are Anthony, Cameron, Frelinghuysen, the two Morrills, Conkling, Ferry, Morton, Vice President Wilson, and Sherman. These parties were strongly in favor of Johnson's conviction in the impeachment trial of 1868, and so voted. Johnson has not forgotten this vote, and he will, doubtless, make his memory of the occurrence felt.—*Louisville Courier-Journal.*

IN Barcelona is an artist, Zuloaga, by name, who takes a steel plate, inserts it with gold and silver, and with his hammer works out a box such as those of the Cinque Cento period, now so much sought after. Alfonso XII., it is stated, has ordered of this artist a *surtout delable*, decorated with the arms of Spain and of England, which His Majesty means to present to the mess at Woolwich Artillery school as a souvenir of his sojourn with his late comrades.

THE famous Mary Ann Boker, the fish man's daughter, who years ago married her coachman, John Dean, is one of the lady Custom house examiners. Some time ago a passenger off a French ship was suspected of having a quantity of diamonds to get through, and on the dock she was told she must be examined. The girl protested. It was no use. So turning to her fellow-passengers she bade 'em a tender adieu. The warm embrace she bestowed to one lady was touching; she kissed her not once but twice, and with each kiss she gave into her friend's keeping a solitaire worth $3,000. Then she went off with a whole mouthful, which she would have swallowed like so many pills rather than disgorge. As she afterward explained those awful big stones impeded her utterance, and she intended giving the Custom house people a piece of her mind. And thus was enabled to do so, thanks to her own ingenuity and the size of her friend's mouth.

ITEMS OF INTEREST.

A NEW YORK journal speaks of a deaf and dumb "audience."

A FIRE in Racine, Wis., on Thursday, destroyed property valued at $60,000.

AN edition of "Moliere" in English, translated by Henry Van Laun, is on the tapis.

FEWER Americans, it is said, are hibernating in Paris this year than for many years past.

LYONS sent to this country in 1874 $12,000,000 worth of her fabrics, principally in silks, velvets, ribbons and gloves.

A TEXAS plantation has produced, this year, $3,000 worth of syrup, from land which, if planted in cotton, would have yielded only about $400.

HERETOFORE gambling has been licensed in Nevada, but a bill has been introduced into the Legislature prohibiting it, and establishing a heavy penalty.

AN enterprising Texas journal is achieving fame and a large circulation by publishing phrenological charts of the citizens of the town in which it is printed.

A TRAIN on a branch of the South Side Railroad, Long Island, ran off the track last Wednesday evening, and the engineer, firemen and conductor were killed.

MELBOURNE, capital of the Colony of Victoria, Australia, sends her greeting to the United States by cable, and asks for 28,000 feet of space in the Centennial grounds.

WHILE the Duke of Edinburgh was waiting for the starting of a train at Paddington terminus his dressing case was mysteriously carried off. Evidently the rogue thought he had another case of jewelry.

AT LONDON, Vt., one day last week, a gentleman opened a fish-hole in an eddy, and removed with his hands nearly 300 pounds of pickerel and suckers. The fish crowd up to the hole for fresh air, and are captured.

A BERLIN dispatch to the Cologne *Gazette* says: Bismark is suffering from a nervous affection. It is rumored in the upper House that the Prince intends to retire shortly after his sixtieth birthday. The *Gazette* does not give entire credit to the last statement.

SOMEBODY has figured out the interesting fact that the total amount of State, county, city and town taxes collected in the United States in 1870, was $289,591,100, which was about $7 a head for the entire population. The total amount of these taxes collected in 1860 was $94,186,600, which was about $3 a head for the entire population. It cost, therefore, more than twice as much to take care of a man in his State, county and municipal relations in 1870 as it did ten years before. This does not include the federal taxation.

THE receipts of cranberries by the New Jersey Southern railroad, from August 29 to December 31, 1874, inclusive, amounted to 39,756 bushels. Of this quantity 29,882 bushels have gone to five consignees, and the remaining 3,924 bushels have been distributed among 70 others. The packages used for this quantity of fruit were 30,351 crates and 1,155 barrels. The record of the same road from September 22 to December 31, 1873, gives the entire receipts at 47,781 bushels, or 14,025 bushels more than in the same period in the year following.

A HORSE found himself in an awkward predicament at Southbridge, Mass., the other day. Becoming frightened, he started down the railroad track, but unceremoniously brought up with his legs through the open bridge over the canal. No way of release was apparent except to knock out of the bridge the timber which supported the horse's hindquarters. This done, he slid from the bridge and dropped some fifteen feet into the deep, swiftly flowing water below. He sank out of sight, but soon reappeared, and swam rapidly for the shore, apparently none the worse for his adventure.

WE have not directed attention to a good point made in the House of Representatives by Mr. Shanks, of Indiana, during the discussion of the Civil Rights bill. He read from the Democratic platform of 1872 the following paragraph: "We recognize the equality of all the men before the law, and hold that *it is* THE DUTY OF THE GOVERNMENT *in its dealings with the people to mete out equal and exact justice to all, of whatever nativity, race, color or persuasion*, religious or political." This is all that is demanded, even by Mr. Sumner's Civil Rights bill; but against that and the other measure the Democrats have voted solidly. What are the promises of a Democratic platform worth, anyhow?—*Phila. Bulletin.*

Compulsory Education.

To the Editors of the Pittsburgh Gazette:

Profound hatred of tyranny, and the sublime love of freedom, are noble principles, considered in the abstract. But when considered and applied, with regard to individual and general government, then a true patriotism demands that our actions shall be guarded by pure love and sound judgment, and that no secret, or hidden principles of selfishness, shall warp our reason, or inspire our opposition to noble charities.

Compulsory, when sounded in our ears, or read by our eyes, at once creates in the mind the idea of a loss of freedom, and awakens a spirit of jealousy and hostility, and when applied to human actions is considered degrading. A true gentleman will rebel against compulsory action, provided his personal liberty has been violated. And nations as well as individuals are jealous of their sacred rights, and will go to war to compel their observance. But the justness of the cause should be carefully weighed before resorting to belligerence. And history is full of instances, where there were personal and national combats, without sufficient cause, originating from false or hasty conclusions.

Self-government, when applied to the individual man himself, dictates that he must *compel* himself to do what is right, and restrain himself from doing what is wrong. And unless he does compel himself to do good, and refrain himself from doing evil ways, which lead to the compulsory restraint enforced by the strong arm of the law.

State government, considered in relation to the country, or our particular State, is presumed to ordain just and righteous laws, requiring the governed to respect the rights and property of others, and to "pay unto Cæsar that which is due to Cæsar." As in self-government, man must compel himself to do right, and if he has parents, one of his first duties is to show a proper regard for the school that is provided for his benefit. So in regard to the State, which in a similar sense is his mother, from nativity or adoption, and which, from every feeling of patriotism, he is bound to love and revere, it is also one of his further duty to build up, strengthen and fortify his State against every internal or foreign foe. This being self-evident, we assume that ignorance is one of the worst foes that can visit a State, or afflicts a man, and it is not necessary to state the manifold evils ignorance brings upon an individual, or upon a State, for every reader knows these for himself; and knowing them, is it not a duty that he owes to himself, and to every man to himself, to remove, as far as possible, the evils from among us?

Ours is considered a Christian country, and a Christian State, or, in its wider sense, a State that has respect for the teachings of the Bible. The Bible is the light of the world. And to be able to read it, is to open up the highway to Heaven; and it then becomes possible for the soul to find its way. But if our citizens are to be kept in ignorance, unable to read the Word of the Lord, then in truth have we need to recall all our foreign missionaries, and place them in our midst. The Board of Education, in the necessity in this direction, the thoughtful reader will appreciate.

Every State has some resources that will add to her wealth, if intelligently and energetically developed. Our State from its natural situation, and rich geological construction, possesses resources second to none in our vast country, and only needs a wise development to insure untold prosperity. But in order to secure this result, two things are needed—mind and muscle; and these are essentially different. All possess them, with great variety as to usefulness. The ignorant, uncultured, whose stock in trade consists principally in muscle, is forever at great disadvantage, and from want of education, is compelled to use his human muscle in contests with the iron muscle of machinery, and the elasticity of steam powers. All know with what results, but unpityingly say "It is his misfortune." But may not his ignorance and his misfortune be removed at one and the same time, and the State greatly benefited? No unprejudiced reader will doubt it, but may object on account of the compulsory means to be used, and the possibility of some increase of tax to be paid.

But are the compulsory measures contemplated so very reprehensible? The bill which is now proposed, requires every parent or guardian in the State to send his child, or ward, a certain number of weeks in each year to some public or private school, or be taught at home for the same period of time. But this is not yet acted upon by the Legislature, and we may reasonably expect that it will not be too exacting as to the period of time required.

None of my readers will deny that education is a blessing, and that ignorance is a curse. To my mind, therefore, argument is not needed to show that the State has a right to improve, and bless every child within her borders, and remove the curse that now dooms many of them to misery in this life, and worse in the life hereafter.

Is not the State continually compelling her citizens to do right, and punishing them for doing wrong? Is not a State, or city, or town required to compel by law, or to wrong? Good citizens require no compulsory law; and rich and poor obey the law as far as possible, if good principles govern their actions. But it may be objected that the proposed law will oppress the poor, because they need the labor of their children for their support. This is the only objection that to us has any foundation. But it is not an insuperable barrier to the measure, which promises so much good. If this objection can be removed there is not a poor parent in the State but that would thank God, and the State, for the blessings that would follow the measure.

As the State in the end would be greatly benefited by the removal of vice and pauperism, by the implantation of higher religious and moral sentiments, by true patriotism, and by intelligent and energetic development of her hitherto dormant industries, then surely, if the State can provide prisons and poor houses, it will be better to reduce their number and build more school houses, and give aid and encouragement to the honest but poor parent, who toils for the common good and brings wealth to the State.

The State has already, by precedent in a small degree, committed herself to this noble charity. Actuated by an impulse of patriotism, she assumed the debt and education of the "Soldiers' Orphans." This work has been in progress for several years, and will soon be finished. For this good work the State deserves and receives cordial approval. Now let her extend her good offices to all the needly children of the Commonwealth, and she will ultimately receive a great and glorious reward.

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Buy a Lot in Ashchenez.

ELECTION PROCLAMATION.
City of Pittsburgh, ss.
In accordance with the Constitution of Pennsylvania and Ordinance of the City of Pittsburgh, I, WILLIAM C. MCCARTHY, Mayor of the City of Pittsburgh, do issue this my Proclamation, calling upon the citizens of said city, qualified to vote for members of the House of Representatives of this Commonwealth, to meet at their respective voting places on the THIRD TUESDAY OF FEBRUARY, A. D. 1875, being the 16th day of the month, and elect by ballot members of the Select and Common Councils and members of the Board of Revision, as indicated below:
First Ward.
The electors of the First District to meet at the house of Nicholas Adrian, No. 7 Penn avenue;
The electors of the Second District to meet at the Public School House, corner of Short street and Second avenue;
The electors of the Third District to meet at the office of Alderman Humbert, on Fourth avenue;
And elect one member of Select Council, one member of Common Council, and one member of the Board of Revision.
Second Ward.
The electors of the First District to meet at the Sale Stables of Rody Patterson, on Fourth avenue;
The electors of the Second District to meet at the office of Alderman Hagar, on Grant street;
The electors of the Third District to meet at the Public School House, corner of Ross and Diamond streets,
And elect one member of Select Council, one member of Common Council, and one member of the Board of Revision.
Third Ward.
The electors of the First District to meet at Municipal Hall;
The electors of the Second District to meet at the Public School House on Grant street;
And elect one member of Select Council, one member of Common Council, and one member of the Board of Revision.
Fourth Ward.
The electors of the First District to meet at the corner Penn avenue and Cecil's alley;
The electors of the Second District to meet at Trimble's office, corner of Penn avenue and Barker's alley;
The electors of the Third District to meet at Wharfmaster's office on Allegheny wharf;
And elect one member of Select Council for two years, one member of Select Council vice John R. McCune, resigned, one member of Common Council, and one member of the Board of Revision.
Fifth Ward.
The electors of the First District to meet at the office of the Clerk of Courts, at the Court-house;
The electors of the Second District to meet at McLaughlin's building, corner of Tunnel street and Wylie avenue;
The electors of the Third District to meet at the school house on Webster avenue;
And elect one member of Select Council, one member of Common Council, and one member of the Board of Revision.
Sixth Ward.
The electors of the First district to meet at McCallin's livery stable on Fifth avenue;
The electors of the Second district to meet at the public school house, Ann street;
The electors of the Third district to meet at the Marion exchange, corner of Marion street and Fifth avenue;
The electors of the Fourth District to meet at the Public School House on Second avenue;
And elect one member of Select Council, two members of Common Council, and one member of the Board of Revision.
Seventh Ward.
The electors of the First District to meet at Klepper's saloon, corner of Fifth avenue and Foster's row;
The electors of the Second District to meet at the Public School House on Franklin street;
The electors of the Third District to meet at the office of Alderman Butler, on Wylie avenue;
And elect one member of Select Council, one member of Common Council, and one member of the Board of Revision.
Eighth Ward.
The electors of the First District to meet at the paint shop, corner of Whiteside's alley and Fulton street;
The electors of the Second District to meet at the office of Alderman Seanor on Wylie avenue;
The electors of the Third District to meet at Thomas Rourke's carriage house, Tannehill street;
The electors of the Fourth District to meet at the barber shop of W. D. Price, corner of Colwell and Price streets;
And elect one member of Select Council, two members of Common Council, and one member of the Board of Revision.
Ninth Ward.
The electors of the First District to meet at the office of Alderman O'Donnell on Penn avenue, between Eleventh and Twelfth streets;
The electors of the Second District to meet at the office of the Brass Foundry, corner of Mulberry alley and Thirteenth street;
The electors of the Third District to meet at the Ralston School House;
And elect one member of Select Council for two years, one member of Select Council vice P. Kerr, resigned, one member of Common Council, and one member of the Board of Revision.
Tenth Ward.
The electors of the First District to meet at the Lamb tavern, corner of Sixteenth street and Penn avenue;
The electors of the Second District to meet at Alderman Moreland's office, 766 Penn avenue;
And elect one member of Select Council, one member of Common Council, and one member of the Board of Revision.
Eleventh Ward.
The electors of the First district to meet at the police station house, Center avenue;
The electors of the Second district to meet at the public school house;
The electors of the Third district to meet at the dwelling house of John McGaffney, on Bedford avenue;
The electors of the Fourth district to meet at the building of A. H. Love, on Wylie avenue;
And elect one member of Select Council, one member of Common Council and one member of the Board of Revision.
Twelfth Ward.
The electors of the First district to meet at the Spencer House, corner of Twenty-first street and Penn avenue;
The electors of the Second district to meet at the O'Hara street school house;
The electors of the Third district to meet at Rowswell's Riverside, on Penn avenue;
The electors of the Fourth district to meet at the Springfield School House;
And elect one member of Select Council, two members of Common Council, and one member of the Board of Revision.
Thirteenth Ward.
The electors of the First District to meet at the dwelling house of Wm. Beardell, corner of Somers street and Webster avenue;
The electors of the Second District to meet at the Shakspeare Hotel;
And elect one member of Select Council, one member of Common Council, and one member of the Board of Revision.
Fourteenth Ward.
The electors of the First District to meet at the Public School House, on Center avenue;
The electors of the Second District to meet at the bakery of Peter Spehr, south of Penn avenue;
And elect one member of Select Council, one member of Common Council, and one member of the Board of Revision.
The electors of the Third District to meet at the Public School House, on Thirty-third street;
And elect one member of Select Council, one member of Common Council and one member of the Board of Revision.
Fourteenth Ward.
The electors of the First District to meet at Spelmeidenell's office, Fifth avenue Market House, Mittenberger street;
The electors of the Second District to meet at Slan's grocery, Fifth avenue;
The electors of the Third District to meet at the Ballenfield School House;
The electors of the Fourth District to meet at the Oakland car station, Fifth avenue;
And elect one member of Select Council, two members of Common Council and one member of the Board of Revision.
Fifteenth Ward.
The electors of the First District to meet at the office of Alderman Hunter, on Wylie avenue;
The electors of the Second District to meet at the office of Alderman Reinhauser, on Butler street;
And elect one member of Select Council, one member of Common Council, and one member of the Board of Revision.
Sixteenth Ward.
The electors of the First District to meet at the Hotel and School House, Sharpsburg;
The electors of the Second District to meet at G. Stoy's office, on Penn avenue;
The electors of the Third District to meet at the office of Alderman Nessenthaler, on Penn avenue;
The electors of the Fourth District to meet at the Bloomfield Public School House;
The electors of the Fifth District to meet at the Friendship Hotel, corner of Elm street and Liberty avenue;
And elect one member of Select Council, two members of Common Council, and one member of the Board of Revision.
Seventeenth Ward.
The electors of the First District to meet at the Public House of E. Stifel, corner of Forty-fourth and Butler streets;
The electors of the Second District to meet at the Washington Public School House;
The electors of the Third District to meet at Dr. Baringer's office, on Butler street, near Forty-fourth;
The electors of the Fourth District to meet at the Hatfield School House;
And elect one member of Select Council, two members of Common Council and one member for the Board of Revision.
Eighteenth Ward.
The electors to meet at the Public School House and elect one member of Select Council, one member of Common Council, and one member of the Board of Revision.
Nineteenth Ward.
The electors of the First District to meet at the Hiland School House;
The electors of the Second District to meet at the Eagle House, corner of Highland avenue and Broad street;
And elect one member of Select Council for two years, one member of Select Council to fill unexpired term of P. McKee, resigned, one member of Common Council, and one member of the Board of Revision.
Twentieth Ward.
The electors of the First District to meet at the office of the Clerk of Courts, at the Court-house;
The electors of the Second district to meet at McLaughlin's building, corner of Tunnel street and Wylie avenue;
The electors of the Third District to meet at the Marion exchange, corner of Marion street and Fifth avenue;
The electors of the Fourth District to meet at the Public School House on Second avenue;
And elect one member of Select Council, two members of Common Council, and one member of the Board of Revision.
Twenty-first Ward.
The electors of the First District to meet at Klepper's saloon, corner of Fifth avenue and Foster's row;
The electors of the Second District to meet at the Ballenfield School House;
The electors of the Fourth District to meet at the Oakland car station, Fifth avenue;
The electors of the Fifth District to meet at the Soho School House;
And elect one member of Select Council, two members of Common Council and one member of the Board of Revision.
Twenty-second Ward.
The electors of the First District to meet at the office of Alderman Hunter, on Wylie avenue;
The electors of the Third District to meet at the office of Alderman Reinhauser, on Butler street;
And elect one member of Select Council, one member of Common Council, and one member of the Board of Revision.
Twenty-third Ward.
The electors of the First District to meet at the store of J. W. Smith, Second avenue, Franklintown;
The electors of the Second District to meet at the Peoples Public School House, on Second avenue, east of Hazelwood avenue;
And elect one member of Select Council, one member of Common Council, and one member of the Board of Revision.
Twenty-fourth Ward.
The electors of the First District to meet at the Public School House, corner of Twenty-seventh and Liberty streets;
The electors of the Second District to meet at the office of Alderman J. A. Snyder, corner of Sarah and Union streets;
And elect one member of Select Council, one member of Common Council, one member of Common Council to fill unexpired term of P. Bolsinger, deceased, and one member of the Board of Rev

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DAILY GAZETTE.

FINANCIAL.

Latest Advices Concerning Money and Stock Matters.

OFFICE OF THE PITTSBURGH GAZETTE,
FRIDAY, February 5, 1875.

Our attention has been called to the *status* of the controversy between the manufacturers and puddlers. The manufacturers, while willing to pay the $4.50 they offered some time since, affirm that this price is better than the average paid to laboring men, and that it is utterly impossible for them to resume at better rates. They put this on the fact that busins es is so terribly depressed that at best not more that half the mills in the country can be kept running, and that it is simply a question whether Pittsburgh or other places shall supply this limited demand. Hence the impossibility of their continuing in operation or of resuming, except at prices that will enable them to compete with the market. We certainly wish well to the puddlers, who are a hard working class of people, and hope they fully consider these statements. It is important we think to both parties that the facts be clearly in the face and determine their course in the light of these. If the parties cannot on either side do better than is now suggested, it would avoid needless suffering were they to meet and agree to begin work. And that the iron trade is fearfully depressed and the puddlers *suffering* is certainly true. Why, then, fight against fate?

—The Cincinnati *Gazette* says there is something extraordinary going on in financial circles in London, as evidenced by the withdrawal of £410,000 from the Bank of England on Monday and £618,000 on Tuesday, making a total of £1,028,000 or $5,140,000 in two days. This loss of specie and bullion will doubtless be met by the bank in its usual way—that is, by advancing its rate of discount—and this will probably be done to-day, which is the time of the regular meeting of the Directors. Some such anticipation as this evidently contributed to the advance in gold in New York yesterday and the consequent advance in Government securities, but we are still disposed to think there is a clique manipulating the market for gold for a rise, and that they are ready to take advantage of the existing circumstances, and make the most effective use of them for their own interest.

Subjoined is a comparison of the present position of the Bank of England and the prices of consols and French rentes with the corresponding week of last year:

	At present.	Same week last year.
Bullion	£22,283,624	£22,864,168
Reserve	16,942,869	11,949,464
Notes in circulation	22,289,790	23,914,704
Rate of discount	4 per cent.	3½ per cent.
Consols	92¾@93⅛	90¾
French rentes	62f. 12½c.	75c.

—The annual report of the directors of the Illinois Central Railroad Company for 1874 has made its appearance, together with a balance sheet, showing its affairs to be in a most prosperous condition, with a surplus of $5,357,468.12, exclusive of 296,065.85 acres of land and $1,007,559.78 land notes. The annual meeting of the shareholders will be held on the last Wednesday in May.

—As high as one per cent. per day was paid for money in the San Francisco money market on the 13th ult., when a break in stocks occured. The *Alta California* of the 18th ult. says: "Some persons may think that this high rate indicates the price or value of money in San Francisco on that particular day. Not so—it was the measure of the borrower's credit.

—The aggregate amount of precious metals produced in the States and Territories west of the Missouri river, including British Columbia, during 1874, reached $74,401,055, being an excess of $2,142,362 over the yield of 1873.

—London advices by cable state the rate of discount in the open market for three months is 2 15-16 per cent., 1-16 per cent. below the Bank of England rate.

Luther S. Kaufman, Broker, No. 96 Fourth avenue, furnishes the following quotations of bonds and stocks from the latest advices by telegraph:

	Opened.	Asked
Gold	114¾	114¾
U. S. Sixes—1861—coupon	120⅜	120⅝
5-20 1862	116¼	116½
" 1864	118	117⅜
" 1865	120⅛	120
" 1865 new	119⅜	119½
" 1867	120	119⅞
" 1868—coupons	120⅛	120
10-40's	119⅜	119⅝
"Currency 6's	119⅝	119¾
New 5 per cents		115¼
10-40's—coupons	117¼	117
RAILWAYS.		
New York Central	28⅛	101⅝
Erie		25
L. C		102¾
C. C. & I. C.	8¾	8⅞
St. Paul	38¼	37⅜
Do. Pref		58¼
Michigan Southern	74¼	74⅜
Do Central	77	78¾
North Western Common	45⅝	46⅜
Do. Pref	65	59¾
Rock Island	104¼	104⅝
Cleveland & Pittsburgh	93⅜	93⅝
Pacific Mail	33¾	33⅝
Western Union Telegraph	74⅜	74⅝
Ohio & Mississippi	29⅛	29⅜
Union Pacific	39¾	39¾
Toledo & Wabash	17	16¾
Harlem	127¾	128¼
Adams Express	99¾	100
American Express	63¾	64
U. S. Express	36	37½
W. Fargo & Co Express	84½	85
Fort Wayne	98	97¾
Hannibal & St. Joseph	21¾	21½
Panama	112½	

Luther S. Kaufman furnishes the following quotations of active stock on the Philadelphia Stock Board to-day:

	Bid.	Ask.
P., R. R.	55¾	
" scrip	105¾	
Reading	56⅝	
United Cos. of N. J.	129¾	
Oil Creek	14⅛	
Lehigh Valley	62¾	
Central Transportation	43¾	
" sire do.	54	
Em., R. R. 7-20	91	
A. V., St. L. 7's	77¾	
P. C. & St. L. 7's		87½

NEW YORK, February 4, 1873.

The only sensation in Wall street this afternoon was a Washington rumor that Secretary Bristow would soon issue five per cent. bonds to be applied to the funding of the present legal tender notes under the Resumption act. The effect of this was to depress both stocks and gold at the close of the day. Money ruled easy and commercial paper at 6. Sterling was dull and heavy at 485½@485¾ for sixty day bills, and 488¼@489 for sight. The customs receipts were $229,000. Gold was weaker, opening at 114¾, advancing to 114⅞, and closing at 114¼. The carrying rates were 1, 2 and flat. The Assistant Treasurer disbursed $604,000. The clearings were $114,000,000. Government bonds closed steady, but slightly lower. Railroad bonds were quiet. State bonds were dull. Stocks in early dealings were firm and higher. The leading features of the market was Northwest common, which rose from 45 to 47¼. The advance in the balance of the list ranged from ¼ to 1 per cent. At the second board prices were generally at the highest point. After the board Northwest declined ¾ per cent. and the remainder of the list ½ to ⅝ per cent. The market was weak during the last hour, and prices declined ½ to 1 per cent. from the highest point of the day. Northwest common fell from 47¼ to 46⅝. Pacific Mail from 36¼ to 35⅝. Union Pacific from 40¼ to 39¾. St. Paul from 38½ to 37⅝, and Western Union from 74¾ to 74⅜. Other changes were not important. The transactions aggregated 83,000 shares, of which 13,000 were Pacific Mail, 45,000 Western Union, 30,000 Northwest common, 9,000 Rock Island, 12,000 St. Paul common, 29,000 Lake Shore, and 27,000 Union Pacific.

*Government*s.—U. S. coupons of 1881, 120½@5-20's of '62, 116¾; do of '64, 117¾; do of '65, 119½; do of '65, new, 119¾; do of '67, 120; do of '68, 120¾; new 5s, 115¾; 10-40s, 117; currency 6s, 119¼.

State Bonds.—Missouri 6s, 97¼; Tennessee, old, 68; do new, 68; Virginia, new, 32; do old 31; North Carolina, old, 27; do new, 18.

Stocks.—Canton, 30; Quicksilver, 11; Adams Express, 99½; Wells, Fargo & Co.'s Express, 85; American Merchants Union Express, 64; United States Express, 97½; Pacific Mail 35½; New York Central, 101¾; Erie, 25; do preferred, 45; Harlem, 128; do pref'd, 125; Michigan Central, 77; Pittsburgh, 92½; Northwestern common, 46¾; do preferred, 59¾; Rock Island, 104¾; New Jersey Central, 107¾; St. Paul, 37¾; do preferred, 58¼; Toledo & Wabash, 16⅝; do, preferred, 23; Fort Wayne, 97½; Terre Haute, 7; do preferred, 25; Chicago & Alton, 109½; do preferred, 116; Ohio & Mississippi, 28⅝; Cleveland, Columbus & Cincinnati, 84½; Burlington & Quincy, 134¼; Lake Shore, 74¾; Panama, 84½; Illinois Central, 102¼; Union Pacific, 39¾; Central Pacific, 97⅛; Union, 93⅜; Delaware & Lackawanna, 108⅝.

LONDON, February 4—5 P. M.—The bullion in the Bank of England decreased £1,536,000 last week. The proportion of bank reserve to liability, which last week was 80 per cent., is now 43¾ per cent. The bullion withdrawn from the Bank of England on balance to-day was £618,000. Consols for money, 92⅛@92⅜; account 92⅜@92⅞; 5-20's of 1867, 92⅛@92⅜; do '65, 107⅜; 10-40's, 105; new 5's, 102⅜; do '65, 107⅜; do '67, 107⅝; 10-40's, 105; new 5's, 102⅜; New York Central 93; Erie 26⅝@26¾; do preferred, 46⅜.

PARIS, February 4.—The specie in the Bank of France increased 23,850,000 francs in the past week. Rentes 64f.

COMMERCIAL.

Condition of the Markets at Home and Abroad.

DAILY REPORT OF PITTSBURGH MARKETS.

OFFICE OF THE PITTSBURGH GAZETTE,
THURSDAY, Feb. 4, 1875.

There have been no new features in the general markets since the date of our last report deserving of special notice; business continues dull, the demand for all the leading staples is confined almost entirely to supplying immediate wants, while as regards values, there are no changes of any importance to record. Our merchants are nearly all complaining of business as being very dull and unsatisfactory, but they are hopeful of an improvement before long, and we are in hopes that their expectations will be realized.

APPLES—Sales in a jobbing way, at $1.40@2 ₱ bbl, for common to fair, and $2.50@3 for prime to choice.

APPLE BUTTER—50@60c ₱ gal.

BUTTER—We can report a steady demand for the best grades, but the supply is up to it and prices remain unchanged at 28@30 for prime to choice, and 20@25 for medium to good and 12@15 for inferior to common.

BROOMS—There is a continued steady demand, and a still further advance is not improbable, in sympathy with corn, which is still tending upward. No change in prices, which are as follows: Union Factory No. 2, ₱ doz, $2.35; No. 3, $2.75; No. 4, $3; No. 5, $3.50; No. 6, $4; No. 7, $4.50. No. 4 parlor brooms, $4. No. 4 do, $4.25; steamboat; $4.50, with the usual discount to the trade.

BEANS—Are in good supply and dull, but dealers are in hopes that there will soon be an increased demand, because of their being the cheapest article of food to be had at the present time. We continue to quote at $1.75@1.85 ₱ bush. for mediums, and $1.90@2 for navies.

BUTTER—GREAT FLOUR—3@3¼c ₱ lb.

CHEESE—Our market continues quiet, but its general tone is firm, under the influence of the advices from New York. Prime

HOME NEWS.

NOTICE.

THE PITTSBURGH GAZETTE, the leading pape of the city, is delivered by Carriers and Agents to subscribers at 15 *cents per week.* AS A COMMERCIAL paper, the GAZETTE is recognized by our MERCHANTS *as the only reliable and correct one* published in *the city.* Its MARKET REPORTS are always full, and are taken as the STANDARD by both buyers and sellers. Its LIVE STOCK REPORTS are complete in all respects. It contains daily a large amount of RIVER NEWS, and all river men, to be thoroughly posted, must read the GAZETTE.

Family Paper.

It is the best Family Paper published in the city. Its columns contain all the local events of Pittsburgh, Allegheny and surrounding towns. It is free from all objectionable reading matter unfit to be read in the family circle. Our *Special Correspondents* at Washington and Harrisburg will keep its readers thoroughly posted on all that transpires at those two Capitals. *Important Telegraph News,* from all parts of the *United States and Europe,* will be found in the GAZETTE daily.

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Leave your order at the GAZETTE Counting Room, or with the Carrier who supplies the district you live in. Our Agents can be found in any town and village in Western Pennsylvania, Eastern Ohio and Western Virginia, and those wanting the GAZETTE in any of these places, can give their order to the Agent who will supply them.

On the Railroads.

The GAZETTE will be found on all trains of the different Railroads running in and out of this city. If any of our friends when traveling cannot buy the GAZETTE on the train, they will confer a favor by dropping us a line informing us of the fact.

Third Ward Suggestion Meeting.

A meeting of the Republicans of the Third ward, to suggest candidates for the nomination for ward offices and Councils, will be held this evening in the Grant street school house.

The Connellsville Railroad.

In our issue of yesterday, a statement was made to the effect that a bridge on the above railroad had given way at Turtle creek, thereby delaying trains, and stopping travel. We have been informed by General Passenger Agent Hough that such is not the case, but that the bridge referred to is only on a switch, which the company has not used for fifteen years, and that it has no connection with the main line whatever.

How to Work It.

It seems that there is a large number of persons in Allegheny who either do not understand the workings of the fire-alarm telegraph, or are very thoughtless in striking alarms. Persons in sounding an alarm should wait about half a minute and listen if the little gong in the box is ringing. If it is, the alarm has been sounded, and the door should be closed. If the gong is not ringing then the slide should be immediately pulled down and the door closed. Never pull down the slide if the gong is already ringing as that will only delay the arrival of the department and give the fire time to gain headway. The manner of sounding alarms in Allegheny differs considerably from this city.

The Taxpayers' Union.

A regular meeting of the Taxpayers' Union was held yesterday afternoon. Only six members were present, and an equal number of reporters, also two visitors. Mr. Kelly was called to the chair and the minutes of the previous meeting were read by Mr. Norton, which was followed by the reading of a document declaring the intentions of the Union. Both were approved.

In view of the small attendance Mr. Ward offered a motion that the Union adjourn to await the decision of the Court in the matter of the application for a writ of *quo warranto* requiring Mayor McCarthy to show by what authority he holds the position he now occupies. The motion was adopted and the meeting adjourned.

Ward Nominations.

The Republicans of the Thirteenth ward have suggested the following candidates for ward offices: Select Council—George Ewart, C. P. Duff, E. P. Jones. Common Council—Charles Powers, T. P. Dickson. Alderman—W. H. Harrison, Thos. Breen, James Herron. School Directors—Charles Dickey, Joseph Vogel, James Harrison, W. S. McCutcheon. Assessor—R. Ruder. Constable—G. Evans, John Beck.

The Democrats of the sixth ward have suggested the following names to be voted for at the primary election: Select council, J. M. Kennedy; Common council, Otto Heinold; Thos. D. Farley. School directors—C. Hinesman; John McGlaughlin. Alderman, Sam. B. Patterson; Jas. J. Larkin; Constable, Andrew Flinn; Assessor, T. J. McGrath; Election assessors, First precinct, John B. Larkin; Second precinct, Daniel Karty; Third precinct, Stephen Volmer; Fourth precinct, Patrick McQuilin; Inspectors, First precinct P. Tomer; Second precinct, Christian Seitz; Third precinct, Joseph Brecht; Fourth precinct, James Jetty. Judge of elections—First precinct, John Nolan; Second precinct, Wm. Cline, Third precinct, Charles McGlaughlin; Fourth precinct, James Stevenson. Finance Committee—James Larkin, R. W. Fear, Charles McGlaughlin. Delegates to city convention—First precinct, John B. Larkin; Second precinct, James R. Merideth; Third precinct, B. A. McGinty; Fourth precinct, Patrick McQuillin.

ALL ABOUT A VACANCY.

An Opinion of the City Attorney Adjourns the Water Committee—Common Council Members Must Prepon derate.

The transaction of any business by the Water Committee last night was prevented by a rather unexpected opinion from the City Attorney. The committee met at the usual hour, Mr. R. B. Brown in the chair. The roll was called, spoken up and the items checked off, but before any action was taken, the Chairman submitted the following.

R. B. Brown, Esq., Chairman of the Water Committee:

Dear Sir: The twelfth section of the act of April 1, 1868, provides that the Presidents of Councils shall appoint all standing and special committees, and also provides "that in all committees the Common Council shall preponderate in numbers and have a majority of at least one." A compliance with the latter provision is inoperative in the present committees, and the committee shall be of any legal or binding force. Yours Respectfully,

THOS. S. BIGELOW, City Attorney.

By the resignation of Mr. Robbins of the Thirty-first ward, who was appointed on the Water Committee from Common Council, the Committee was left with ten members from each branch. After the reading of the above Mr. Norton said he could not see how any business could be transacted as the Committee was not legally constituted and he suggested that it adjourn until the vacancy was filled.

Mr. Mitchell objected to adjournment, and said that with proper respect for the opinion of the Solicitor, he considered it all moonshine. He stated that vacancies frequently occurred in the Committees last year, and that they did not interfere with the transaction of its duties.

Dr. Gross thought a vacancy occurring after a committee had been appointed, should not be considered of any more moment than a vacancy caused by the temporary absence of a member, but he advised adjournment out of deference to the opinion of the Solicitor, and until the vacancy could be filled.

Mr. Mitchell moved to proceed to the transaction of business, but the Chairman said he could not entertain it in view of the opinion rendered.

Mr. Fox said he would not sign the pay roll until the committee contained the legal number of members.

Finally, on motion of Mr. Hunter, the Committee adjourned until next Tuesday evening, but it was evident that some of the members were willing to go ahead and pay no attention to the opinion of the City Solicitor. The point presented by the City Attorney caused no little excitement, and after adjournment the committeemen lounged around a while discussing it, some in favor and others opposing.

YOUNG MENS' HOME.

Annual Meeting—The Choice of Officers for 1875—The Financial Condition of the Enterprise.

The eighth annual meeting of the Board of managers of the Young Mens' Home was held at the Home, Duquesne Way, on Tuesday last, President Wm. Thaw, Esq., in the chair. After the usual preliminary exercises Thos. H. Rabe, Chairman of the Committee to revise the Constitution, submitted the same as revised, which was, after discussion and slight alteration, adopted.

An election was then gone into for officers and managers, with the following results:

President—Hon. P. E. Brunot.
Vice President—T. H. Rabe.
Secretary—Jas. Laughlin, Jr.
Treasurer—Thompson Bell.
Executive Committee—Thos. H. Rabe, chairman; Jas. Laughlin, Jr., Geo. Potter, Frank Woods, J. A. Caughey.
Chaplain and Superintendent—Rev. Warner Long.

Directors—For one year—John G. Holmes, Frank Woods, Arthur Bell, Chas. J. Clarke, Jas. Laughlin, Jr., Felix R. Brunot. For two years—J. A. Caughey, W. Vankirk, Geo. Potter, T. J. Gillespie, E. C. Miller. For three years J. P. Hanna, T. H. Rabe, F. H. Lane, Thompson Bell, John B. Jackson, J. H. Lippincott.

Those who are not familiar with this institution, will probably be surprised to know of the value of the property and the amount of charitable work done by the Home. To such we present the following extracts from our last report:

The building is a four story brick, with basement. The building is 40 feet front, and extends back 170 feet, containing 56 bed rooms, 1 large office, 2 dining rooms, 2 kitchens, a spacious chapel, and a large depart for the destitute. The hotel department can accommodate 100 lodgers with good sleeping facilities, and the Destitute Department can lodge 300 persons.

The entire building is heated by steam, and every part of it is well supplied with water, bath rooms, water closets and gas light.

The property is valued at about $75,000.00 Number of meals furnished last year, 67,588. Number of lodgings, 56,523. Signed temperance pledge, 2,502. Besides this, religious meetings are held every evening and three times on Sabbath.

There is now a floating debt of about $3,500 which the managers are anxious to have paid, and for which purpose an effort will be made in a short time, and it is hoped that those having means will respond liberally. With this debt removed the Home would be almost self-sustaining from the profits of the hotel department.

THE PIPE LINE DIFFICULTY.

The Columbia Conduit Army Arrested—The Preliminary Hearing Before Judge Sterrett—The Leaders Held to Bail —The Balance Released on Their Own Recognisance — An Exciting Scene.

Since the time that the Columbia Conduit Company seized the grounds at Powers Run last Monday morning, (which has been in dispute between that organization and the Pennsylvania Railroad Company,) and relaid the pipe line which had been taken up, there has been a secret influence at work which did not develop its self until Wednesday afternoon. Shortly after the adjournment of the Common Pleas Court on that day, Mr. John Hampton, counsel for the Pennsylvania Railroad Company appeared before Judge Sterrett and made an information against a number of the Conduit army who held possession of the Powers Run district.

The information set forth that there were about one hundred and twenty-five men who had made a descent upon seven guards of the railroad company on Monday morning, who were in charge of the field, and that they had driven them away and relaid the pipes, that since that time the men had acted in a riotous manner, and had been fighting among themselves, and had committed acts to the terror of the neighborhood. The allegations made, pointed to E. Gordon and S. Galloway as agents of the Pipe Line Company, who had aided in raising the force and taken it to Powers Run, and that the other parties implicated had acted under orders and instructions of these men. The information also set forth that Mr. Wilson had informed deponent that he had been sent by the Conduit Company to to Power's Run to do the unlawful act complained of.

After reading the document Judge Sterrett issued a warrant for the arrest of the parties, which was placed in the hands of Constable Clement Kreuter.

THE WARRANT.

This instrument set forth that whereas complaint had been made before Judge Sterrett, President Judge of the Court of Common Pleas No. 1, in the Fifth Judicial District of Pennsylvania, composed of the county of Allegheny, and ex-officio a Justice of the Peace as to criminal matters within said district, upon the oath of Antes Snyder, that on the first day of February, A. D., 1875, Robert Wilson et al, did riotously assemble together at Power's Run Station, on the West Penn Railroad, armed with pick handles and wearing red flannel badges, to distinguish them, then and there did with great force and violence, with tumult and to the terror of the people in the neighborhood, and with a loud noise and to the great disturbance of the public peace, enter upon the property of the West Penn Railroad near the said station, and in a riotous, disorderly and turbulent manner, unlawfully take possession thereof, and aid and abet each other in said riotous acts, and were then and there, and during the whole of the said first day of February, guilty of riot and disturbance of the public peace, contrary to the Act of Assembly in such case made and provided, that the document issued was to command the officer executing it to apprehend the said Robert Wilson, J. Galloway, E. Gordon, and the other persons, hereinbefore specially named and charged with the said acts, and bring them before His Honor, Judge Sterrett, ex-officio Justice of the Peace as aforesaid in the court room No. 1 of the Court of Common Pleas No. 1, in the Court House of Allegheny county, in the city of Pittsburgh, to answer unto said complaint and to be further dealt with according to law.

Armed with the above officer Kreuter deputized the following officers to assist him in making the arrests: Coulson, Snyder, Huffmyer, Barclay, Hyer, Speedy, Carrigan, Eckoff, Kane, O'Donnell, Mercer, and one other, whose name was not learned, making thirteen in all.

PREPARATIONS TO LEAVE.

A special train with two passenger coaches was placed at the disposal of the officers at the Allegheny depot, on the West Penn railroad, at half past seven o'clock, yesterday morning, and half an hour thereafter they found themselves cosily seated in the cars, and about nine o'clock they were landed at the scene of encounter. The Conduit army were enjoying themselves by surrounding two large fires, evidently trying to keep themselves from being frost bitten by the severe cold wind that was blowing when the officers disembarked from the train, being dressed in citizens clothes, and made an advance toward the Conduit men. They did not dream that their mission was to place them under arrest. Coming to the center, however, instructed his force to surround the party, after which he calmly took from his pocket the warrant which was read aloud so that all could hear it. When some of them learned that they were about to be arrested they manifested a desire to flee from the spot, and some few did make their escape. The remainder did not surrender until they had talked the matter over for a while, and one Murray, so the Constable stated yesterday, showed a spirit of unwillingness to be made a prisoner by jumping to one side of the road and calling upon the men to follow him, stating that the officers had no authority to make prisoners. Out side of this there was no inclination to insist and the entire band surrendered, stepped on board the train and were soon on the way to the city. When the train reached Allegheny it was switched off on the Fort Wayne track and was subsequently run across the bridge to the Union Depot. On their arrival at this point the entire Brigade encamped in front getting off the train they were surrounded by a large crowd.

THE LINE OF MARCH.

The men were soon got into ranks and marched up in a body, along Grant street to the County Jail prison. On reaching this the excitement had almost reached fever heat, and did not subside as they marched into the Common Pleas Court room, No. 1. Judge Sterrett was absent when they first made their appearance, but on his return, came in and took his seat on the bench. The first thing that was done was to call on Constable Kreuter to read the names in the warrant, and this being done, it was found that all the persons named in that instrument were present. Considerable difficulty was experienced in getting the names of all the defendants, but after a search this part of the programme was completed.

THE APPEARANCE OF THE MEN.

In looking over the number of men under arrest, it was easy to see that most of them were of Irish descent. They wore a fisherman's jacket, pants and looked as though they had been without sleep for some time. The red flannel badge graced a number of button-holes, which had been mentioned in the warrant. After arranging all the preliminaries, it was found that between forty and fifty men had been captured and brought before the bar to answer to the charges which had been preferred against them. Mr. Woods asked Judge Sterrett by what authority the men had been arrested when His Honor referred him to the new Constitution, which provides that Judges of the Court of Common Pleas shall be Judges of the Court of Oyer and Terminer, and also Justices of the Peace as to Criminal matters. His Honor said that when his attention was first called to this matter, he felt disposed to decline to entertain it, but upon looking up the matter, he found that he could not decline.

THE PRISONERS IDENTIFIED.

After administering the oath to officer Kreuter the prisoners were called up, one by one, by Mr. Hampton, counsel for the railroad company, and identified by Antes St. Clair, the first man called, was a large strong *sylvan*, wrapped in a huge overcoat, in the left hand hole of which was tied the symbolic red flannel strip. Officer Kreuter said he found the prisoner with the rest of the party, nearly all of whom were armed with pick handles. Following this man were Alexander Duff, Frank Palmer, Martin Fix and Michael Murray. The latter, the officer testified, said at first that he was boss or foreman, and then denied it; he also encouraged the men not to resist. John Stern stood up. He had no badge, and witness could not tell whether he had on a badge when arrested or not. Jacob Bauer and John Heun were next called. The latter, the witness said, had been pointed out to him as one of the rioters. Nicholas Reddinger, who had no badge; William E. Moise, the witness said, was found on the ground. The list was continued as follows: Jacob Closs —who grew very loud when asked by Mr. Hampton for his first name—John Dressell, Ed. Clawson, Samuel Kuhn, Wm. T. Watt, Gordon Hillings, Samuel Bayne, Byron Smith, Charles Keil, George Deerstein, Hunter R. Steger, Tim Murphy, Manasus Sheridan, Wm. Reese (who counseled the men to submit to arrest and behave themselves), Gage Smith, (with no badge), Elmer Gould and Emil Smith, the latter with two badges.

TESTIMONY OF WITNESSES.

Auter Snyder, an engineer of the West Penn railroad, was called to the witness stand, and testified that he went to Powers' Run about three o'clock on Monday afternoon, and that he found about one hundred and twenty men on the grounds at that time, wearing badges. He said he asked Mr. Wilson, the foreman, if he would give up possession, and he replied, "Not until I hear from Pittsburgh." He said he failed to get communication with this city, but failed.

Mr. W. F. Corson, a division boss, next took the stand and said that he was at Powers' Run on Saturday, and remained there up to Monday morning; that about six o'clock on that morning, a party of twelve men made their appearance on the grounds with a lot of iron pipe in their possession, which they proceeded to unload, and place in the run. He said he gave the railroad men orders to carry it out as these men were trespassing on the company's ground, and that he pipes were carried out but were soon after placed in position by the Conduit men. Shortly afterward another company of about thirty men came up, and acted as reinforcements to those who were already present, and these, he said, were armed with pick-handles, and some of them threatened to use violence if any of the railroad men offered any farther interference. He said further that reinforcements continued to arrive until a force of about one hundred men had taken possession. The witness farther testified that the railroad men were crowded out and the pipes connected, after which three shanties were erected and fires built. A large number of witnesses were called, who corroborated, in the main, the testimony as hereinbefore given. As some of the party who were under arrest, did not appear to have been engaged in the matter, they were discharged.

BAIL REQUIRED.

The leaders in the affair were required to give the heaviest bail for their appearance to answer to the charge in Court. At first Judge Sterrett was inclined to place the amount of the bond of each one at $1,000, but subsequently he reconsidered his decision and stated that those who had taken the chief part in the affair would be required to give bonds with proper bondsmen. The following men gave bail in the sum of $1,000 each, Dr. Hostetter going on their bonds: Robert Wilson, J. Galloway E. Gordon and Michael Murray. The same party went on a bond of $500 for Winter R. Slager.

John Britting and Frank Palmer were released after Mr. William Robinson had become their surety in the amount of $300 each.

This completed, the next question was to determine what to be done with the balance, who, it appeared, had only acted under the instructions of their superior officers. The number before the Court was large, and to commit them was no small task. So after due deliberation it was decided by Judge Sterrett to release them on their own recognizance. The following affixed their autographs to bonds of $500: William Sinclair, Henry Pfeffert, Samuel Spyers, Peter Snyder, Alexander Duff, Jno. Stearn, Jacob Bowe, Nicholas Ritterger, August Buckley, W. E. Myers, Jocob Closs, John Dressell, Edward Clawson, W. T. Watt, George Denstin, Hunter R. Slager, William Reese, Elmer Gould, Emmil Smith.

The following waived a hearing and were released upon their own recognizance by affixing their signatures to a $500 bond: E. Nicholson, W. Moore, Patrick Connelly, Alexander Gregg, Wm. Hilings, John Avery, H. H. McCrum, J. H. Jones, S. Jas Boyd, M. C. Dulain.

A STRANGE COINCIDENCE.

It is said that shortly after the arrest and departure of the Conduit men from Powers Run, that two trains met at the above point, one of them under the charge of Superintendent McCreighton. Shortly after the trains were stopped the men stepped off and proceeded to tear up the pipes, which was done in a few minutes. Superintendent McCreighton telegraphed to this city to know what was the matter, claiming to be in total ignorance of what had been transpiring and that the pipe line men had mysteriously disappeared; that his party had removed the pipe from under the track without any resistance, but that the oil was still flowing, he having notified the Conduit men to turn it off, but that on account of something being wrong in the telegraphic communication, it was found impossible to check the flow at that time, and consequently it was still going to waste.

THE COURTS.

YESTERDAY'S PROCEEDINGS.
United States District Court.
(Before Judge McCandless.)

Otto Hensel, bankrupt, Pittsburgh. The creditors having elected Wm. C. Borlan, of Pittsburgh, assignee, the same was approved.

William H. Porter, bankrupt, Pittsburgh. On application of the assignee, order made for the examination of the bankrupt before Register Harper on the 11th inst.

United States vs. the distilling and rectifying establishment owned by James S. Brown. On motion of U. S. Attorney Reed the property condemned as forfeited to the United States.

Common Pleas Court No. 1.

In the case of William O'Malley vs. Thos. Gubbs, reported yesterday, the jury found for the plaintiff for $275.

Trial List for Today.

Union Insurance Co. vs. Tindle.
Watterson vs. A. V. R. R. Co.
Carr & McCallister vs. Dunberger.
Boschert vs. Hempfield.
Pollock vs. Meyer.

Common Pleas Court No. 2.

(Before Judges Kirkpatrick and White.)

The case of Louis Shafer vs. Morningstar et al., reported yesterday, is still on trial.

Edward Whalley vs. Pennsylvania Railroad Company, John Routh, John Neff and Conway Canning, Additional Warrant. Verdict for plaintiff against John Routh and John Neff in the sum of $25, and for defendant as to Irwin, judgment of non suit having been previously entered as to the Pennsylvania Railroad Company. A motion was made for a new trial by John Routh and John Neff and reasons filed therefor.

Christina Langerheim and Gustave Langerheim for use of the former vs. Henry T. Price; an action to recover on an agreement. On trial. In this case it appears that a suit in divorce was pending in Court between the two plaintiffs, and that the husband, by order of the Court, provided a house in which his wife should live. About January 1st, 1874, the plaintiffs allege that after renting a house and furnishing it, the defendant Price offered $250 to gain possession of the premises. Counsel was induced to pay on the delivery of the key and the balance at a subsequent date. It is admitted that the complainants that the $125 was paid in hand at the time, and this action is now brought to recover the balance alleged to be due. The allegations are denied by Price, who claims that no such an agreement was entered into.

Joseph Fisher vs. Phillip Pfeifer; action on an account. Juror withdrawn and case continued.

Trial list for To-day.

Patterson vs. Ben Franklin Ins. Co.
Patterson for use vs. Same.
Daugerty vs. Kelly.
Shaw et al. vs. Dallas et al.
Snowden & Kemp vs. Hill.
Hamilton Ball Co. vs. Holmes.
Earles vs. Kohen.
Fisher vs. Logan.
Roedelheim, Jones & Co. vs. Fecke.
Scott & Co. vs. Johnston's Ex'.
McKee vs. Jeffrey.
Chrisholm vs. Schrader.
Simonds vs. Cox.
Gilltrop vs. Krouse.
Kennedy vs. Henry.

Criminal Court.

(Before Judge Collier.)

A *nolle prosequi* was allowed in the cases of E. W. Mellon and Wm. Tindle, charged for false pretenses, and the prosecutor, G. W. Nichols, was directed to pay the costs.

Commonwealth vs. Frank Holland, indicted for larceny and receiving stolen goods. The defendant plead guilty and was directed to restore the property to the prosecutor, and was sentenced to the Workhouse for one day.

Henry R. Bosler, John Brecht and Michael Brecht were acquitted of assault and battery and the prosecutor, John Reight was ordered to pay the costs.

Henry Beeler was acquitted of a second charge of assault and battery and the prosecutor, Jacob Closs was directed to pay the costs.

Catharine Knite was acquitted of a similar charge and the cost were equally divided between her and the prosecutor Annie Lynn.

The jury was out in the cases of the commonwealth vs. Francis Meyford indicted for selling liquor to habitual drunkards, minors &c.

Trial List for To-day.

Commonwealth vs.

Mary E. Stande,	Patrick Stack, (2,)
John Conner,	Geo. Burr,
Mary Hughes,	Adam Weber,
Frank Renn, (2)	J. Robinson et al,
Patrick McKeefrey,	Thomas J. Snyder.
James Lacey,	Catharine Heilberg.
Henry Mess et al,	James White et al.,
Frank Hohl,	Flora Dellahn.
John Andrews,	Elias J. Bollot.
Louis Miller (8),	Chas. Dubold.

All surety cases and motions for new trials now pending will be disposed of Saturday morning.

ERECTING HOMES AND HOUSES.

The Number and Value of Buildings Put Up East Year—Decrease from the Previous Year.

Yesterday morning Building Inspector Reed presented to Controller Snodgrass his fifth annual report showing the number and value of the buildings erected in the city during the year ending January 31, 1875. The number is about two hundred less than in the previous year.

Wards.	*Number of Buildings.*	*Value.*
First	4	$ 84,500
Second	8	83,100
Third	3	8,000
Fourth	7	23,700
Fifth	17	69,100
Sixth	38	72,900
Seventh	22	44,300
Eighth	22	68,700
Ninth	2	1,800
Tenth	2	2,600
Eleventh	54	150,300
Twelfth	15	40,800
Thirteenth	28	37,300
Fourteenth	45	219,900
Fifteenth	21	55,500
Sixteenth	62	117,300
Seventeenth	66	133,400
Eighteenth	56	76,000
Nineteenth	35	74,600
Twentieth	49	154,000
Twenty-first	36	70,000
Twenty-second	12	44,900
Twenty-third	22	54,100
Twenty-fourth	4	8,400
Twenty-fifth	22	92,300
Twenty-sixth	12	30,400
Twenty-seventh	12	25,700
Twenty-eighth	3	7,300
Twenty-ninth	5	46,300
Thirtieth	3	3,300
Thirty-first	12	16,300
Thirty-second	12	57,100
Thirty-third	2	4,000
Thirty-fourth	13	27,100
Thirty-fifth	5	4,500
Thirty-sixth	18	63,600
Thirty-seventh	59	36,500
Totals	775	$2,157,700

Of the above buildings 439 were bricks, and 301 frames; 75 were additions and alterations. During the year, eight buildings were condemned and taken down; six chimneys and eleven fire-walls were also condemned and repaired. The receipts of the office for the year were $3,124, which have been paid into the city treasury.

Shot in the Hand.

A young man named John Murphy, who is in the employ of George Kimberlin, the butcher, while removing some cartridges from a revolver, in Allegheny, yesterday morning, one of the cartridges was accidentally discharged, and the ball passed through his right hand. He called on Dr. Ure and had the wound, which was a severe one, dressed.

WEATHER STRIPS
At THOMPSON & CO'S, 84 Wood street.

FAIR PLAY FOR SUNSET.

The Other Side of the Story—The Concessional Humorist Fails to Appreciate the Joke—Sammy vs. Beverly —A Statement from Capt. Herbert.

The pleasant little interview had between a representative of this paper and a member of the Library Lecture Committee with relation to the Hon. S. S. Cox's visit to Pittsburgh as a lecturer, seems to have stirred the zephyrs in certain quarters, and has called forth responses from the genial joker, from his friends, and from the Chairman of the Committee. In the spirit of fair play to the versatile and vivacious Sammy, we take pleasure in giving these responses, which will be found as interesting reading as was the article which called them forth. The first is from the affable Chairman, Captain Herbert, and is as follows:

WHAT CAPTAIN HERBERT SAYS.

PITTSBURGH, February 4, 1875.

To the Editors of the Pittsburgh Gazette:

Will you please favor us with space to make some explanations in regard to an article which appeared in your issue of Tuesday, with reference to our lecture engagement with Hon. S. S. Cox. The article referred to is racy and entertaining; and if the alleged facts were entirely correct, would be "a good joke." We have no doubt your reporter wrote as his information was received, but the party interviewed must certainly have misunderstood the views of the Lecture Committee, and instead given his own personal opinion, in which to say the least, he is entirely mistaken.

The chairman of the Lecture Committee attends to the correspondence—including that with lecturers, and the terms, and amount of fee to be paid for services, required some effort to secure a promise from Mr. Cox to visit our city and lecture in our course, on account of his Congressional and other pressing engagements. His consent was only obtained after we had secured the kindly aid of "our mutual friend" Hon Wm. McClelland, of this city, who added his solicitations to ours. In answer to a letter, Mr. Cox replied, giving his subject and said, "pay me what is usually paid to others," which was our only contract. A member of our committee called on Mr. Cox after his arrival, to pay his respects, and, inopportunely,—and perhaps forgetting that it was not his province to do so, introduced the "fee business." Mr. Cox modestly suggested that he "expected the highest fee paid"—valuing his services about as any other speaker or singer would do. Our committee-man with large liberality informed him of the exceptional highest price, instead of the usual fee, which, unfortunately for us, whether authorized or not, fixed the standard. We had a very fair audience, but not a crowded house, which by the way are unusually scarce these hard times. Your informant erred in regard to our Democratic friends, who we were glad to see turned out with full ranks, but "paid their way" like others. There was no distribution of "dead head tickets," so far as we know. If such was the case, it was unauthorized and unnecessary, as we are aware of the fact that our Democratic citizens are as liberal in their support of our lecture courses, as are those of the opposite party. There was no trouble whatever, in settling with Mr. Cox for his entire satisfaction, and on the committee, Mr. Robb intrusted with the money, paid him $150, and agreed to pay his hotel expenses, with which settlement Mr. Cox expressed his entire satisfaction. When the hotel bill came to be paid a charge for railroad expenses of $12.20 was found to be included. This seemed a little odd, and occasioned some unpleasant private reflections and comments, but a subsequent interview with the cashier of Penn Bank, showed that Mr. Cox had not acted in any but an honorable manner in the transaction. During his visit here he favorably impressed us by his manner, which was that of a polished and cultivated gentleman. True we confess his lecture on "American Humor," in our opinion, did not add to its reputation for literary ability; nor give the satisfaction to his audience that the reputation of the gentleman in connection, it is understood some members of the Committee considered that a contract, and supposed Mr. Cox would demand $200, and agreed to "a nothing" about the item of "return expenses." Mr. Cox to our surprise received $22.50 less than Mr. Dougherty. At the Union Depot Mr. Cox told me the committee had given him $150, paid his hotel bill and expenses back to New York. *He did not, apparently,* misunderstand what he was to get.

Allow me to add, that both here and afterward, Washington, Mr. Cox spoke to me in the most kindly manner of all the members of your committee.

Yours, respectfully,
W. MCCLELLAND.

In reference to this entertaining correspondence, as the fact is established by it that the statements made in the interview came from a member of the committee who apparently knew whereof he spoke, we desire merely to remark that those statements not only came through an official source, but express permission was given, without the slightest solicitation, to publish them, and the impression was left upon the mind of the writer that the Lecture Committee was not averse to having the alleged "trick" exposed.

It might be well also to correct Mr. Cox in the statement that "a man who wrote the article forced himself upon my courtesy." The party interviewed might or might not have troubled his Congressional high mightiness, but the man who put the article into shape never longed for the honor of an acquaintance with a Congressional comedian, and thence never elasped hands, exchanged words, or stood in the august presence of the colossal "Sunset."

And now if the parties most interested in this grave matter—the Lecture Committee, Mr. Cox and Mr. Jones—would accept a kindly suggestion from one who, though unwell, they would at once endorse a Triparite agreement and forever hush to silence the whole business, and hand it to, say, Ben Butler as a "mutual friend."

CITY SURVEYS.

Action Yesterday on a Number of Matters.

The Survey Committee met yesterday afternoon in the Common Council chamber.

A petition for the change of location of Fairmount avenue, in the Twenty-first ward, was read and received.

A remonstrance against the grade and a petition for a change of grade, and the report of the sub-committee on the change of grade of Webster avenue were referred to a sub-committee.

Action was postponed on the following papers: Petitions for the vacation of Bayard street, and a part of Lancaster street, for a change of location of Edgerton avenue, for the establishment of the grade of Elizabeth avenue, and a resolution for a survey and preparation of plans for an approach to the Thirty-third street bridge.

An ordinance to vacate two unnamed streets in the Twenty-third ward was referred to the Engineer.

A petition relative to an unauthorized change of location of Hazlewood avenue was read, and the Clerk was ordered to prepare an ordinance locating Hazlewood avenue from the Monongahela river to the Four Mile Run road.

The pay roll, amounting to $656.75 for January, was approved.

A bill for the transportation of the Survey corps up to June 1st, 1874, amounting to $65.10, was read and the Clerk ordered to prepare a resolution for payment of the same.

It was ordered that the Engineer prepare and report to the committee at its next meeting the plan of the location of Spruce street, from Grandview avenue to Virginia street.

Adjourned.

Franklin Savings Bank.

The Board of Directors of the Franklin Savings Bank, Allegheny, comprises some of our best known business men. Here is the list. George R. Riddle, J. W. Hall, Simon Drum, George D. Riddle, David Macferron, Robert H. Knox, R. W. Cartwright. MWF

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Deposits of *one dollar* and upwards received at the Franklin Savings Bank, 171 Federal street, Allegheny. MWF

THE PIPE LINE BILL.

A Petition That is in Circulation Against It—The Arguments Used, and Their Fallacy.

There was sent to this office yesterday, by a member of a prominent oil refining firm in this city, a copy of a petition, which is in circulation, praying for the defeat of the Free Pipe Bill now before the Legislature. The petition, which thus far has received but few signatures, embodies some objections which are urged in some quarters against the bill, and therefore demands a brief word of reply. In order that it may be fairly understood, we will take it up *seriatim* and answer briefly in detail. The petition sets forth that:

The undersigned citizens of Pennsylvania respectfully pray your Honorable Bodies to pass no Pipe Law which would permit the construction of any Pipe Line for the transportation of Petroleum in Allegheny county. The following are our principal reasons:

1st. The present Pipe Laws afford all the authority required for any proper and legitimate enterprise.

This is a pretty sweeping reason. But is it true? It is a very positive assertion, but assertion is not proof. The best answer to it is that if it were true, why should there be any opposition to the proposed law? If there are laws in force now which give all the legal privileges to any pipe line corporation that might be organized, then why should there be such objection to the proposed law? It could certainly not give greater privileges than those published says that "the Oil Regions has been the victim of special privileges. It now needs, to free itself, general laws which will afford equal facilities to every pipe line corporation that may produce its market—the seaboard. It needs competition in the carrying trade, and a way left open to form corporations for this business, which, acting against other corporations, will prevent combinations. This need, it seems to us, the Free Pipe bill supplies, and the whole opposition to it arises from a misunderstanding of its import or effect, or from a dangerous monopoly, whose oppression such a bill will effectually destroy."

But, continues the objector, it is not desired by "any important interest whatever." The Pittsburgh Chamber of Commerce, representing the business interests of Pittsburgh and of Western Pennsylvania, endorsed the bill, and urges its passage. Certainly, perhaps the latter reason is not important. As to the last reason that Baltimore wants the refining trade, and Maryland railways, the transportation of the oil, and consumers cheaper oil, the reply is that they want no such thing. They want whatever will make oil cheaper for the people who consume it, whether it be in refining or in transportation, it is their right to demand, and however much State pride we might have, if our interests and our railroads cannot compete with others, then we say they should not be bolstered up with special privileges that are a tax upon the people.

We have thus briefly endeavored to show the fallacy of these objections to the Free Pipe Law. No extended argument has been attempted, because it was hardly necessary. The objections, on their very face, show a weakness that will be fatal when they come to be fairly considered by any one desirous of ascertaining the truth and doing justly by those who ask for protection in their legitimate business.

AMUSEMENTS.

Pittsburgh Opera House.

"Ingomar, the Barbarian," a delightful comedy, and one which is seldom produced here, was played last night with Miss Thompson as *Parthenie*, and Mr. Morrison as *Ingomar*. It is quite refreshing in its purity of sentiment, when placed beside the average modern play, and affords an evening of genuine pleasure.

To-night is Miss Thompson's benefit, when "One Wife" will be played.

Franklin Bowling Hall.

The Franklin House bowling hall, on Fifth avenue, is much patronized by gentlemen who consider themselves in need of exercise, and those that live in rolling the balls is a good way in which to obtain it.

A Coke Fire.

Did you ever try to burn coke—that made by the gas works—in an open grate? If not, you ought to try it at once and see how superior it is to a coal fire. It is very much cleaner, makes no smoke or soot or dust, as a coal fire does, and yet emits a heat twice as great as coal. The proper way to burn it is to build a fire of coal, a piece of sheet iron made by any tinner for a few cents,) for three or four minutes and you will have such a fire that will make you sit and far away from the fire as the walls will admit. And yet the price is much less than coal—the Pittsburgh and Allegheny Gas Companies are now selling it at four cents per bushel in their yards, and delivering it for five cents per bushel—while coal costs you nine or ten cents. When cheapness as well as cleanliness and comfort is much superior to coal. T. F.

A New Impressario.

Mr. Briggs, the manager of the library concerts, has proved himself a greater Impressario than Strakosch or Gran. He is not content with giving to the public the best possible musical talent, but to add to the attraction a few sung little presents, in size from 50 to 250,000 dollars. The money paid to hear the Gilmore Jubilee Concert, on the 27th of February, so far from being money thrown away, is one of the best investments which the country offers.

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BREVITIES.

Paragraphic Pencilings of Passing Events.

The new police force went on duty yesterday.

The Allegheny Board of Directors of the Poor will meet this afternoon.

Mayor McCarthy's police appointments give quite general satisfaction.

A window glass furnace has been started in Chamber's glass house on the South Side.

Mrs. Ettinger, of this City, has had Bernhard Raphael arrested in Philadelphia for defrauding her out of $250.

A special session of the Police Committee will be held on Saturday night to conclude the confirmation of appointees.

Mr. George Hain, who was so severely injured near Freedom on Monday, died on Tuesday evening and was buried yesterday.

The storm of Wednesday night caused the delay of trains and slight damage on nearly all the rail